

**Users Guide for
ASOS Daily and Monthly Summary Messages**

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ACRONYMS

AFOS	Automation of Field Operations and Services
ASOS	Automated Surface Observing System
DSM	Daily Summary Message
LST	Local Standard Time
METAR	Aviation Routine Weather Report
MOS	Model Output Statistics
MPH	Miles Per Hour
MSM	Monthly Summary Message
NWS	National Weather Service
OID	Operator Interface Device
PLCD	Preliminary Local Climatological Data
SPECI	Aviation Selected Special Weather Report
UTC	Universal Time Coordinated

1.0 Introduction

Daily Summary Messages (DSM) and Monthly Summary Messages (MSM) will be available starting with Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) Acquisition Control Unit software version 2.6. These new products are coded messages; they will be used with Aviation Routine Weather Reports (METAR) and Aviation Selected Special Weather Report (SPECI) at commissioned ASOS sites to create the Preliminary Local Climatological Data (PLCD) for the site. They will also be used to support National Weather Service (NWS) public services, daily and monthly climate messages, aviation services, statistical forecast guidance, public forecast verification, and the creation of various Climate Analysis Center products.

This document summarizes DSMs and MSMs and describes how to read and decode the messages (Chapters 2 and 3). Important Operator Interface Device (OID) screens (Chapter 5) such as the Site Physical Characteristics and External Communications screens are discussed and examples given. The Site Physical Characteristics screen (section 5.1) is used to program ASOS to generate and set communication transmission times for DSMs, intermediate DSMs, and MSMs. The External Communications Screen (section 5.2) displays the telephone number(s) that ASOS dials to transmit these messages, the AWIPS LDAD and address they will be sent to, and the product identifier. In addition to these screens, examples of the Daily Summary Product and Message, and Monthly Summary Product and Message are given.

2.0 Daily Summary Messages

Primary and intermediate DSMs will use the same general message format, described below. The primary DSM makes accommodations for all the necessary data to be transmitted to complete the PLCD for the day. Data are also provided for the national forecast verification program for disseminated Model Output Statistics (MOS) guidance. Intermediate messages are used to help produce the local climatological products prior to the end of the day, as well as other routine public service products.

In these messages, missing data are indicated by an "M," data beyond the capability of ASOS (i.e., no sensor or algorithm) are designated by an "N," data not yet observed or computed for the day are indicated by a dash "-" (intermediate message only), and estimated data are annotated appropriately. A blank space separates the alphanumeric station identifier (YYYY), daily summary code (DS), and correction (COR); it also is used to separate multiple estimated parameters.

2.1 Primary DSM

PRIMARY DAILY SUMMARY MESSAGE

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YYYY DS (COR) DaDa/MoMo SnTxTxTxTtime/SnTnTnTntime//SnMMM/SnNNN//  
SLPmmttime/PPPP/P1PPP/P2PPP/P3PPP/P4PPP/P5PPP/P6PPP/P7PPP/  
P8PPP/P9PPP/P10PPP/P11PPP/P12PPP/P13PPP/P14PPP/P15PPP/  
P16PPP/P17PPP/P18PPP/P19PPP/P20PPP/P21PPP/P22PPP/P23PPP/  
P24PPP/FaFaFa/ddfffftttt/DDFFFTTTT/WWWWW/SSSSpSpSp/SwSwSw/DDD/  
CsCsCmCm/(Remarks)
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Explanation of Daily Summary Message Text:

YYYY	Alphanumeric station identifier, 3 or 4 characters
DS	Daily Summary Code
(COR)	Correction. The parentheses indicate that it is not routinely transmitted.
DaDa	Day of the month (01-31)
MoMo	Month of the year (01-12)
Sn	Sign indicating whether the value is negative (-) or positive (blank).
TxTxTx	Maximum temperature for the calendar day (midnight to midnight, local standard time [LST]), reported in whole degrees Fahrenheit.

time Time of occurrence (for maximum temperature, minimum temperature, and minimum sea-level pressure) reported in hours and minutes, LST, using a 24-hour clock.

TnTnTn Minimum temperature for the calendar day (midnight to midnight, LST) reported in whole degrees Fahrenheit.

MMM¹ On the same calendar day, the maximum temperature, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. LST. The temperature shall be reported in whole degrees Fahrenheit. (It is used for MOS forecast verification.)

NNN¹ Nighttime minimum temperature, from 19:00 LST previous calendar day to 08:00 LST current calendar day, reported in whole degrees Fahrenheit. (It is used for MOS forecast verification.)

SLPmm Minimum sea-level pressure for the day, reported to the nearest .01 inches of Hg.

PPPP Total water equivalent precipitation for the day (midnight-to-midnight, LST). Value shall be reported in hundredths of an inch.

P_nPPP Hourly precipitation amount for each hour of the observing day (n ranges from 1 to 24) reported in hundredths of a inch. For example, P₂PPP is the amount from 01:00 through 01:59 LST.

FaFaFa Average 2-minute wind speed for the day, reported in tenths of miles per hour (mph).

dd Direction of the 2-minute fastest wind speed, reported in tens of degrees.

fff Speed of the 2-minute fastest wind speed, reported in mph.

tttt Time of the 2-minute fastest wind speed, reported in hours and minutes (LST) using a 24-hour clock.

DD Direction of the day's peak wind, reported in tens of degrees.

FFF Speed of the day's peak wind, reported in mph.

TTTT Time of the day's peak wind, reported in hours and minutes (LST) using a 24-hour clock.

1 - These values are entered between double slants (//) to indicate they are not calendar day statistics.

Note: A DSM cannot end with "N." If "N" is the appropriate value for any of the following and no remark is given, TTTT will be the last reported variable.

WWWWW Weather occurrence symbols. Codes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and X

are currently available. (1 is fog, 2 is fog reducing visibility to 1/4 mile or less, 3 is thunder, 4 is ice pellets, 5 is hail, 7 is duststorm or sandstorm reducing visibility to 1/4 mile or less, 8 is smoke or haze, 9 is blowing snow, and X is tornado.) Weather occurrences that may be automated are 1, 2, 3, and 8. If no significant weather (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, or X) is encoded for the day, an "N" is encoded in the message.

SSS Minutes of sunshine, reported in whole minutes (**when available or if augmentation is available**).

SpSpSp Percentage of sunshine observed, to the nearest whole percent (**when available or augmented**). It is found by comparing SSS to maximum minutes of sunshine possible at the ASOS location.

SwSwSw Total amount, unmelted, of solid precipitation (snowfall or ice pellets) that fell in the 24-hour period ending at midnight LST, reported in tenths of an inch (**when available or augmented**).

DDD Depth of snow, ice pellets, or ice on the ground at a designated observation time, reported in whole inches (**when available or augmented**).

CsCs Average daily sky cover from sunrise to sunset, in tenths of sky cover (**when available or augmented**).

CmCm Average daily sky cover, midnight to midnight LST, in tenths of sky cover (**when available or augmented**).

(Remarks) See table below for remarks used to indicate that estimated data are used. Parentheses indicate that this field is transmitted only when estimated data are contained in the summary message.

TABLE: REMARKS INDICATING ESTIMATED DATA IN THE DSM

<u>Remark</u>	<u>Definition</u>
ET	- Estimated Temperature
Epr	- Estimated Pressure
EP	- Estimated Precipitation
EW	- Estimated Wind
ES	- Estimated Sunshine
ESw	- Estimated Snowfall
ESd	- Estimated Snow Depth
EC	- Estimated Sky Cover

ASOS encodes the DSMs to the fullest extent for which data exist. After the last data field is encoded, the remainder of the DSM is truncated. It should be noted that a value of "N" is not considered significant and will not appear in the message. However, if estimated data are included in the summary message, a remark is included in the message.

In an effort to keep the number of characters transmitted to a minimum, these messages will not be generated in fixed-field format. Please note that

a minimum of two digits is encoded for the temperature, excluding the Sn character (e.g., -2°F = -02, 0°F = 00, 99°F = 99, and 105°F = 105). The minimum sea-level pressure will always have three digits encoded (e.g., 29.99 = 999). Precipitation amounts will be encoded as: "0" (non-occurrence), "T" (trace), or the observed amount (e.g., 0.01 of an inch = 01, 1.11 inches = 111, 23.11 inches = 2311). Wind speeds are encoded in at least two digits. Wind direction is encoded in two digits. All times are entered in four digits, based on a 24-hour clock (e.g., 0023 LST = 0023, 2045 LST = 2045). The number of days, or dates of occurrence, are encoded as two digits (e.g., 01 or 31). The minutes of sunshine have at least one digit encoded (e.g., 0, 9, 54, 245). The percentage of possible sunshine is either two or three digits (e.g., 00, 09, 100).

Based on the initial operating capabilities of ASOS, the text portion of the message from a site where augmentation is not available will be limited to:

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YYYY DS (COR) DaDa/MoMo SnTxTxTxtime/SnTnTnTntime
//SnMMM/SnNNN//SLPmmtime/PPPP/P1PPP/P2PPP/P3PPP/P4PPP/
P5PPP/P6PPP/P7PPP/P8PPP/P9PPP/P10PPP/P11PPP/P12PPP/
P13PPP/P14PPP/P15PPP/P16PPP/P17PPP/P18PPP/P19PPP/
P20PPP/P21PPP/P22PPP/P23PPP/P24PPP/FaFaFa/
ddffftttt/DDFFFTTTT/WWWWW/(Remarks)

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EXAMPLE 1:

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XYZ1 DS 01/12 1151642/-020431//115/-10//9901644/1069/
0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0/T/01/05/04/T/300/400/50/200/
100/01/02/02/03/01/T/256/31451627/32571623/2

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For the station identified as "XYZ1," the primary DSM for December 1 shows that this station reported a daily maximum of 115°F, which occurred at 4:42 p.m. (1642) LST, and a minimum of -2°F occurred at 4:31 a.m. (0431) LST. The maximum temperature observed on the 1st from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. (1900) LST was 115°F; the minimum temperature observed from 7 p.m. on November 30 through 8 a.m. LST on December 1 was -10°F. (The last two values are encoded between double slants to indicate that they are not calendar day statistics.) A minimum sea-level pressure of 29.90 (in. of Hg) occurred at 4:44 p.m. (1644) LST, and the precipitation for the day (liquid equivalent) was 10.69 inches. The hourly precipitation (liquid equivalent) for each hour during the day is presented in the table below. The station had an average 2-minute wind speed of 25.6 mph, a fastest 2-minute wind from 310 degrees at 45 mph was observed at 1627 LST, a peak wind was from 320 degrees at 57 mph at 1623 LST, and fog reducing visibility to 1/4 mile or less was detected by ASOS. Since no additional daily summary data exist from this site, the message encoding ends with the weather occurrence data field (WWWWW).

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INTERMEDIATE DAILY SUMMARY MESSAGE

YYYY DS ZZZZ DaDa/MoMo SnTxTxTx**time**/SnTnTnTn**time**//SnMMM/SnNNN//
SLPmm**time**/PPPP/P₁PPP/P₂PPP/P₃PPP/P₄PPP/P₅PPP/P₆PPP/
P₇PPP/P₈PPP/P₉PPP/P₁₀PPP/P₁₁PPP/P₁₂PPP/P₁₃PPP/P₁₄PPP/
P₁₅PPP/P₁₆PPP/P₁₇PPP/P₁₈PPP/P₁₉PPP/P₂₀PPP/P₂₁PPP/P₂₂PPP/
P₂₃PPP/P₂₄PPP/FaFaFa/ddfffftttt/DDFFFFTTTT/WWWWW/
SSS/SwSwSw/DDD/ (Remarks)

Based on the initial operating capabilities of ASOS, the text portion of the message will be limited to:

YYYY DS ZZZZ DaDa/MoMo SnTxTxTx**time**/SnTnTnTn**time**//SnMMM/SnNNN//
SLPmm**time**/PPPP/P₁PPP/P₂PPP/P₃PPP/P₄PPP/P₅PPP/P₆PPP/
P₇PPP/P₈PPP/P₉PPP/P₁₀PPP/P₁₁PPP/P₁₂PPP/P₁₃PPP/P₁₄PPP/
P₁₅PPP/P₁₆PPP/P₁₇PPP/P₁₈PPP/P₁₉PPP/P₂₀PPP/P₂₁PPP/P₂₂PPP/
P₂₃PPP/P₂₄PPP/FaFaFa/ddfffftttt/DDFFFFTTTT/WWWWW/ (Remarks)

The following example shows how the primary and intermediate DSMs could be used.

EXAMPLE 3:

Let's say it is March 2 at midnight LST. At 0015 LST, the primary DSM for March 1 has been programmed to be transmitted. The system manager has also programmed ASOS to transmit intermediate DSMs at 0610, 1715, and 2210 LST. At these times on March 2, intermediate DSMs will also be transmitted based on the daily summary information calculated so far for the day. (These intermediate messages would be used to support NWS public services.) At 0015 LST on March 3, the completed primary DSM for March 2 will be transmitted.

The message transmitted at 0610 LST is shown below. Notice that the valid time (0600 LST) is encoded prior to the day/month (i.e., 02/03). Since ASOS updates the entire daily summary product every hour, on the hour, a message transmitted at 0610 LST will contain only data that are in the 0600 LST update of the daily summary product.

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XYZ1 DS 0600 02/03 610111/560534//82/56//9820251/  
01/0/0/T/01/T/T/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/-/121/  
18150312/20210545/1/N/0/0/ET
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In this example, an intermediate daily summary was transmitted at 0610 LST for March 2. It includes data from midnight to 6 a.m. LST. The maximum temperature so far for the day was 61°F at 0111 LST and the minimum temperature was 56°F at 0534 LST. The maximum temperature for March 1 from 0700 through 1900 LST was 82°F. The minimum temperature from March 1 at 1900 LST through March 2 at the 0600 update time was 56°F. The minimum sea-level pressure was 29.82 (in. of Hg) at 0251 LST. The daily precipitation amount, so far for the day, was 0.01 of an inch. The hourly precipitation amounts for the hours from 0000 LST through 0600 LST were: 0, 0, Trace, 0.01, Trace, and Trace. The dashes indicate that the data in these fields are yet to be observed. The average 2-minute wind speed so far this day has been 12.1 mph. The fastest 2-minute wind was from 180 degrees, at 15 mph, which occurred at 0312 LST. The peak wind, was from 200 degrees at 21 mph at 0545 LST. The weather so far includes fog. An "N" is encoded for the minutes of sunshine since ASOS does not have the capability to observe this element. A zero is encoded in the fields of snowfall and snow depth, through augmentation, signifying that these parameters did not occur. The remark "ET" indicates that the temperature data are estimated.

It should be noted that it is not necessary to retransmit or send corrected intermediate DSMs transmitted by an ASOS site. Only the most current intermediate message is retained in ASOS's memory. This means that unlike primary DSMs, which can be retransmitted 1 or 2 hours after the scheduled transmission time, the intermediate DSMs cannot.

3.0 Monthly Summary Message

The following is a description of the MSM that will be generated by ASOS. It will be used to help generate the PLCD for the month and for other purposes.

YYYY MS (COR) MoMo SnTxTxTx-DxDxDxDxDxDx/SnTnTnTn-DnDnDnDnDnDn/
 SnTxTxTx/SnTnTnTn/SnTTT/Dx₃₂Dx₃₂Dx₉₀Dx₉₀Dn₃₂Dn₃₂Dn₀₀Dn₀₀/HHHH/
 CCCC/XXXXX/SLP/SLPmmDmDmtime (+) / SPLnnDnDntime (+) / MpMpMpMpMp/
 Pd₀₁Pd₀₁Pd₁₀Pd₁₀Pd₅₀Pd₅₀Pd₁₀₀Pd₁₀₀/PmPmPmPmDpDpDpDp (+) / P₅PPDDTTTT/
 P₁₀PPPDDTTTT/P₁₅PPPDDTTTT/P₂₀PPPDDTTTT/P₃₀PPPDDTTTT/P₄₅PPPDDTTTT/
 P₆₀PPPDDTTTT/P₈₀PPPDDTTTT/P₁₀₀PPPDDTTTT/P₁₂₀PPPDDTTTT/P₁₅₀PPPDDTTTT/
 P₁₈₀PPPDDTTTT/SSSSpSpSp/SmSmSmDsDsDsDs (+) / SgSgSgSgDmDm (+) /
 McMcMpcMpcMcdMcd/ (Remarks)

Explanation of MSM Text:

YYYY Alphanumeric station identifier, 3 or 4 characters

MS Monthly Summary code

(COR) Correction. The parentheses indicate that it is not routinely transmitted.

MoMo Month of the year (01-12)

Sn Sign indicating whether the value is negative (-) or positive (blank).

TxTxTx Maximum temperature observed during the month, reported in whole degrees Fahrenheit.

- Indicator that date information follows and that up to three dates may be encoded.

DxDx Date(s) of occurrence of TxTxTx (01-31).

TnTnTn Minimum temperature observed during the month, reported in whole degrees Fahrenheit.

DnDn Date(s) of occurrence of TnTnTn (01-31).

TxTxTx Average daily maximum temperature, reported to the nearest 0.1 degree Fahrenheit.

TnTnTn Average daily minimum temperature, reported to the nearest 0.1 degree Fahrenheit.

TTT Average monthly temperature, reported to the nearest 0.1 degree Fahrenheit.

Dx₃₂Dx₃₂ Number of days with a maximum temperature of less than or equal to 32°F (encoded as two digits).

Dx₉₀Dx₉₀ Number of days with a maximum temperature greater than or equal to 90°F, or 70°F in NWS Alaska Region (encoded as two digits).

Dn₃₂Dn₃₂ Number of days with a minimum temperature less than or equal to 32°F (encoded as two digits).

Dn₀₀Dn₀₀ Number of days with a minimum temperature of less than or equal to 0 degrees Fahrenheit (encoded as two digits).

HHHH Monthly total of heating degree days.

CCCC Monthly total of cooling degree days.

XXXXX Monthly mean station pressure, reported to the nearest 0.005 inch of Hg.

SLP Monthly mean sea-level pressure, reported to the nearest 0.01 inch of Hg.

SLPmm Monthly maximum sea-level pressure, reported to the nearest 0.01 inch of Hg.

DmDm Date of occurrence of SLPmm (01-31).

time Time of occurrence of SLPmm, reported in hours and minutes (LST) using a 24-hour clock.

(+) "+" indicates last of several occurrences. The parentheses indicate that this field is not routinely transmitted.

SLPnn Monthly minimum sea-level pressure, to the nearest 0.01 inch of Hg.

time Time of occurrence of SLPnn, reported in hours and minutes (LST) using a 24-hour clock.

DnDn Date of occurrence of SLPnn (01-31).

MpMpMpMpMp Monthly total precipitation (water equivalent), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.

Pd₀₁Pd₀₁ Number of days with precipitation greater than or equal to 0.01 inch.

Pd₁₀Pd₁₀ Number of days with precipitation greater than or equal to 0.10 inch.

Pd₅₀Pd₅₀ Number of days with precipitation greater than or equal to 0.50 inch.

Pd ₁₀₀ Pd ₁₀₀	Number of days with precipitation greater than or equal to 1 inch.
PmPmPmPm	Greatest precipitation in 24 hours (water equivalent) reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
DpDpDpDp	Date(s) of occurrence of PmPmPmPm (01-31).
P ₅ PP	Short-duration precipitation (5-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
DD	Date on which the short-duration precipitation ended (01-31).
TTTT	Time of the ending of the specified short-duration precipitation, reported in hours and minutes (LST) using a 24-hour clock.
P ₁₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (10-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₁₅ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (15-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₂₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (20-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₃₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (30-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₄₅ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (45-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₆₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (60-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₈₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (80-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₁₀₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (100-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₁₂₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (120-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₁₅₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (150-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
P ₁₈₀ PPP	Short-duration precipitation (180-minute maximum), reported to the nearest 0.01 inch.
SSSS	Hours of sunshine, reported to the nearest 0.1 hour.
SpSpSp	Percentage of sunshine observed, to the nearest whole percent.

SmSmSm Greatest snowfall in 24 hours, to the nearest 0.1 inch.

DsDsDsDs Date(s) of occurrence of the greatest snowfall SmSmSm (01-31).

SgSgSgSg Greatest snow depth during the month, reported to the nearest whole inch.

DmDm Date of occurrence of the greatest snow depth SgSgSg (01-31).

McMc Number of clear days (00-31).

MpcMpc Number of partly cloudy days (00-31).

McdMcd Number of cloudy days (00-31).

(Remarks) See table below for remarks used to indicate estimated data. Parentheses indicate that this field is transmitted only when estimated data are contained in the summary message.

TABLE: REMARKS INDICATING ESTIMATED DATA IN THE MSM

<u>Remark</u>	<u>Definition</u>
ET	- Estimated Temperature
EPr	- Estimated Pressure
EP	- Estimated Precipitation
ES	- Estimated Sunshine
ESw	- Estimated Snowfall
ESd	- Estimated Snow Depth
EC	- Estimated Sky Cover

ASOS encodes the MSM to the fullest extent for which data exist from the site. Since it is important to keep the impact on communication loading to a minimum, the MSM, like the DSM, will not be generated in fixed-field format.

Based on the initial operating capabilities of ASOS, the text portion of the message from a site where augmentation is not available will be limited to:

YYYY MS (COR) MoMo SnTxTxTx-DxDxDxDxDxDx/SnTnTnTn-DnDnDnDnDnDn/
 SnTxTxTx/SnTnTnTn/SnTTT/Dx₃₂Dx₃₂Dx₉₀Dx₉₀Dn₃₂Dn₃₂Dn₀₀Dn₀₀/HHHH/
 CCCC/XXXXX/SLP/SLPmmDmDmtime (+) / SPLnnDnDntime (+) / MpMpMpMpMp/
 Pd₀₁Pd₀₁Pd₁₀Pd₁₀Pd₅₀Pd₅₀Pd₁₀₀Pd₁₀₀/PmPmPmPmDpDpDpDp (+) / P₅PPDDTTTT/
 P₁₀PPPDDTTTT/P₁₅PPPDDTTTT/P₂₀PPPDDTTTT/P₃₀PPPDDTTTT/P₄₅PPPDDTTTT/
 P₆₀PPPDDTTTT/P₈₀PPPDDTTTT/P₁₀₀PPPDDTTTT/P₁₂₀PPPDDTTTT/
 P₁₅₀PPPDDTTTT/P₁₈₀PPPDDTTTT/(Remarks)

EXAMPLE 4:

XYZ1 MS 03 93-010217/-02-2930/823/521/672/02070502/200/321/
 30010/016/030161732+/992280008/2621/10080503/6272728/
 75270021/135270026/169271311/184271316/254271326/300271341/
 302271356/310271416/312271436/322271456/323271526/
 325271556

Station Location: **XYZ1**
 Monthly Summary: **MS**
 Month: **03 (March)**
 Monthly Maximum Temperature: **93°F**
 Dates of Occurrence: **1, 2, and 17**
 Monthly Minimum Temperature: **-2°F**
 Dates of Occurrence: **29 and 30**
 Average Daily Maximum Temperature for the Month: **82.3°F**
 Average Daily Minimum Temperature for the Month: **52.1°F**
 Monthly Average Temperature: **67.2°F**

Number of Days With Maximum Temperature 32°F and Below: **02**
 Number of Days With Maximum Temperature 90°F and Above: **07**
 Number of Days With Minimum Temperature 32°F and Below: **05**
 Number of Days With Minimum Temperature 0°F and Below: **02**

Monthly Total Heating Degree Days: **200**
 Monthly Total Cooling Degree Days: **321**

Average Station Pressure: **30.010 inches of mercury**
 Average Sea-Level Pressure: **30.16 inches of mercury**
 Greatest Sea-Level Pressure: **30.30 inches of mercury**
 Date of Occurrence: **16 at 1732 LST**
 (this was the last of several occurrences for the month)
 Lowest Sea-Level Pressure: **29.92 inches of mercury**
 Date of Occurrence: **28 at 0008 LST**

Total Monthly Precipitation, water equivalent: **26.21 inches**
 Number of Days With Precipitation \geq 0.01 inch: **10**
 Number of Days With Precipitation \geq 0.10 inch: **08**
 Number of Days With Precipitation \geq 0.50 inch: **05**
 Number of Days With Precipitation \geq 1.00 inch: **03**

The greatest 24-hour precipitation: **6.27 inches**
 Date(s) of occurrence: **27 and 28.**

The short-duration precipitation values are displayed below:

<u>Observation</u> <u>Period</u>	<u>Precip.</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Duration</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Period Ending</u> <u>Time (LST)</u>
5 min	0.75 in	27	0021
10 min	1.35 in	27	0026
15 min	1.69 in	27	1311
20 min	1.84 in	27	1316
30 min	2.54 in	27	1326
45 min	3.00 in	27	1341
60 min	3.02 in	27	1356
80 min	3.10 in	27	1416
100 min	3.12 in	27	1436
120 min	3.22 in	27	1456
150 min	3.23 in	27	1526
180 min	3.25 in	27	1556

EXAMPLE 5:

If the monthly summary product in EXAMPLE 4 had been augmented for the greatest snow depth observed during the month (63 inches), along with its associated date (25), the monthly summary code would have appeared as:

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XYZ1 MS 03 93-010217/-02-2930/823/521/672/02070502/200/321/  
30010/016/030161732+/992280008/2621/10080503/6272728/  
75270021/135270026/169271311/184271316/254271326/300271341/  
302271356/310271416/312271436/322271456/323271526/  
325271556/N/N/6325
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EXAMPLE 6:

Let's say that ASOS has been equipped with a sunshine sensor. During the month of March, 265.2 hours of sunshine (71 percent) were observed. Augmentation occurred for snowfall, snow depth, and the number of clear, partly cloudy, and cloudy days. All temperature information was estimated (ET). The MSM shown in EXAMPLE 4 would be changed to:

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XYZ1 MS 03 93-010217/-02-2930/823/521/672/02070502/200/321/  
30010/016/030161732+/992280008/2621/10080503/6272728/  
75270021/135270026/169271311/184271316/254271326/300271341/  
302271356/310271416/312271436/322271456/323271526/  
325271556/265271/0/0/021910/ET
```

The augmented portion of the message is explained below.

Hours of sunshine: **265.2**
Percent of possible sunshine: **71**

Greatest snowfall in 24 hours: **0**
(Since zero is entered because of no occurrences, no date is encoded.)

Greatest snow depth: 0
(Since zero is entered, a date of occurrence is not encoded.)

Number of clear days: 02
Number of partly cloudy days: 19
Number of cloudy days: 10

Remark for estimated temperature data: ET

EXAMPLE 6 represents the maximum amount of data that can be reported from an augmented ASOS site.

ASOS transmits the MSM for the previous month on the first day of the following month, at the scheduled time entered by the system manager. The operator has 4 days to make any corrections. At the end of the fourth day, at 0040 LST, the corrected MSM will be transmitted if any changes have been made.

If the MSM is not transmitted at its scheduled time, ASOS will attempt to transmit it one hour after the scheduled time; if that transmission is not successful, ASOS will attempt another transmission two hours after the scheduled time.

The MSM will be retained on-site, in ASOS's short-term storage, for a minimum of 10 days from the time of its last transmission. No intermediate MSMs are transmitted from an ASOS site.

4.0 Communication Backup

To maximize the amount of data that can be received by the National Climatic Data Center for archival, ASOS will retransmit those primary DSMs and MSMs that were not initially transmitted at their scheduled times (see sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.3). ASOS will try to retransmit one hour later; if this fails it will try again two hours after the originally scheduled time. There is no redial for intermediate DSMs after their scheduled transmission times.

The daily (primary and intermediate) and monthly summary messages are available through the remote user's port via the direct command mode of operation. This allows remote users to obtain these messages instead of extracting the entire daily summary products and monthly summary products as developed by ASOS.

5.0 Important OID Screens

This chapter illustrates the ASOS OID display screens that users will find helpful. They are used for setting ASOS to generate DSMs and MSMs, schedule their transmissions, identify their product identification names, change their routing address, and display information and products.

The Site Physical Characteristics Screen (section 5.1) indicates whether primary DSMs, intermediate DSMs, and/or MSMs are generated and transmitted from the ASOS site. It also shows the time of transmission, which can be edited at the technician and system manager user levels.

The External Communications Screen (section 5.2) displays the telephone number(s) that ASOS could dial to transmit the DSM/MSMs, the routing address, and the product identifier. The screen can be edited by the technician and system manager user levels.

The Daily Summary Product (section 5.3) shows the data that ASOS uses to create a DSM.

The Daily Summary Message (section 5.4) shows the messages that have been generated and/or transmitted. It also contains the partial DSM from midnight to the last completed hour for the present day. If the present time is 7:15 a.m. LST, the partial DSM is from midnight to 7 a.m.

The Monthly Summary Product (section 5.5) shows the data that ASOS uses to create an MSM.

Monthly Summary Message (section 5.6) shows an MSM. It was generated with information from 10/1 to 10/27.

5.1 ASOS Site Physical Characteristics Screen

5.1.1 Generate Primary DSMs and Transmit

In the Site Physical Characteristics screen below, the DSMs are generated if "YES" is placed to the right of "DSM GENERATED:." The primary DSM will be transmitted at the time highlighted, i.e., 07:00:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC). If, instead, "--:--:-- UTC" is substituted, primary DSMs are created but not transmitted.

The screen can be viewed from all user levels except the air traffic control specialist; only the electronics technician and system manager are permitted to edit the screen.

08:10:49 10/28/97 1310Z

STERLING #4

STATION			
NAME:	STERLING #4		
IDENTIFIER:	ST2	DATE:	10/28/97
COMMISSIONED:	COMM	TIME:	13:10:39 UTC
ATTENDED:	YES	UTC TO LST OFFSET:	-5
OPEN 24 HOURS:	YES	METAR SWITCH DATE:	07/01/96 UTC
OPENING TIME:		METAR SWITCH TIME:	07:45:00 UTC
CLOSING TIME:		DSM GENERATED:	YES
ELEVATION:	277 FEET	PRIMARY DSM XMIT TIME:	05:15:00 UTC
		INTERMED DSM XMIT TIMES:	12:15:00 UTC
FIELD ELEVATION:	260 FEET		18:15:00 UTC
PRESSURE SENSOR ELEVATION:	283 FEET		00:15:00 UTC
		MSM GENERATED:	YES
OBS HOURLY REPORT TIME:	50	MSM XMIT TIME:	09:00:00 UTC
OBS EDIT TIME:	5:00		PHYSICAL
OBS HOURLY TRANSMIT TIME:	55:00		
SHEF HOURLY TRANSMIT TIME:	0		
LATITUDE:	38.58N		
LONGITUDE:	77.29W		
MAG DECLINATION:	9W		
		PRINT	
		CHANG	
		EXIT	BACK

Site Physical Characteristics Screen

From the 1-Minute Screen press the following commands to arrive at this screen: REVUE-SITE-PHYS

Section 5.4 contains examples of primary and intermediate DSMs.

5.1.2 Generate Intermediate DSMs and Transmit

ASOS v2.6 allows up to three intermediate DSMs to be generated and transmitted. DSM is updated once each hour at HH+00. The screen below shows that three intermediate DSM transmission times have been entered: 12:15:00, 18:15:00, and 00:15:00 UTC. These values are changed by editing the page and entering different times. Intermediate messages are updated once an hour but are transmitted only at the time(s) entered.

08:10:49 10/28/97 1310Z

STERLING #4

STATION	
NAME:	STERLING #4
IDENTIFIER:	ST2
COMMISSIONED:	COMM
ATTENDED:	YES
OPEN 24 HOURS:	YES
OPENING TIME:	
CLOSING TIME:	
ELEVATION:	277 FEET
FIELD ELEVATION:	260 FEET
PRESSURE SENSOR ELEVATION:	283 FEET
OBS HOURLY REPORT TIME:	50
OBS EDIT TIME:	5:00
OBS HOURLY TRANSMIT TIME:	55:00
SHEF HOURLY TRANSMIT TIME:	0
LATITUDE:	38.58N
LONGITUDE:	77.29W
MAG DECLINATION:	9W
DATE:	10/28/97
TIME:	13:10:39 UTC
UTC TO LST OFFSET:	-5
METAR SWITCH DATE:	07/01/96 UTC
METAR SWITCH TIME:	07:45:00 UTC
DSM GENERATED:	YES
PRIMARY DSM XMIT TIME:	05:15:00 UTC
INTERMED DSM XMIT TIMES:	12:15:00 UTC
	18:15:00 UTC
	00:15:00 UTC
MSM GENERATED:	YES
MSM XMIT TIME:	09:00:00 UTC
	PHYSICAL
PRINT	
CHANG	
EXIT	BACK

Site Physical Characteristics Screen

From the 1-Minute Screen press the following commands to arrive at this screen: REVUE-SITE-PHYS

Section 5.4 gives an example of a primary DSM and the last intermediate DSM transmitted.

5.1.3 Generate MSMs and Transmit

In the screen below, the MSMs are generated if "YES" is entered by an electronics technician or system manager next to "MSM GENERATED." The MSM will be transmitted at the time indicated next to "MSM XMIT TIME." The value must be in UTC. If, instead, "--:--:-- UTC" is substituted, MSMs are created but not transmitted.

ASOS v2.6 does not allow the creation and transmission of intermediate MSMs.

08:10:49 10/28/97 1310Z

STERLING #4

STATION			
NAME:	STERLING #4		
IDENTIFIER:	ST2	DATE:	10/28/97
COMMISSIONED:	COMM	TIME:	13:10:39 UTC
ATTENDED:	YES	UTC TO LST OFFSET:	-5
OPEN 24 HOURS:	YES	METAR SWITCH DATE:	07/01/96 UTC
OPENING TIME:		METAR SWITCH TIME:	07:45:00 UTC
CLOSING TIME:		DSM GENERATED:	YES
ELEVATION:	277 FEET	PRIMARY DSM XMIT TIME:	05:15:00 UTC
		INTERMED DSM XMIT TIMES:	12:15:00 UTC
FIELD ELEVATION:	260 FEET		18:15:00 UTC
PRESSURE SENSOR ELEVATION:	283 FEET		00:15:00 UTC
		MSM GENERATED:	YES
OBS HOURLY REPORT TIME:	50	MSM XMIT TIME:	07:00:00 UTC
OBS EDIT TIME:	5:00		PHYSICAL
OBS HOURLY TRANSMIT TIME:	55:00		
SHEF HOURLY TRANSMIT TIME:	0		
LATITUDE:	38.58N		
LONGITUDE:	77.29W		
MAG DECLINATION:	9W		
		PRINT	
			CHANG
		EXIT	BACK

Site Physical Characteristics Screen

From the 1-Minute Screen press the following commands to arrive at this screen: REVUE-SITE-PHYS

An example of an MSM generated by ASOS is found in section 5.6.

5.2 ASOS External Communications Screen

The External Communications Screen displays the DSM/MSM product identification. An ASOS electronics technician or system manager can edit the information on the screen.

The DSM/MSMs are sent to the same telephone numbers as the METAR/SPECIs and correspond to the numbers associated with the three stations below. These are the primary dial-out or backup phone numbers. Once received, the DSM or MSM is sent to the address indicated. "000" causes the product to remain in the receiving station. "ALL" causes the product to be sent to all sites. The product identification can be edited, as well.

12:05:15 01/28/98 1305Z

STERLING #4

STATION ID (XXX):	ST2	WMO IDENTIFIER:	KST2
FORECAST OFFICE (CCC):	ITB	PRODUCT ID (NNN):	MTR
METAR/SPECI ADDRESS:	ALL	15-MIN SHEF ID (NNN):	RPX
DSM/MSM ADDRESS:	000/000	1-HOUR SHEF ID (NNN):	RRY
15-MIN SHEF ADDRESS:		DSM/MSM PRODUCT ID:	DSM / MSM
1-HOUR SHEF ADDRESS:		ADAS:	
STATION IDS/PHONE NUMBERS		ASOS ADDRESS:	100
STATION 1:	XXXXXXXXXX	ADAS TIMEOUT (SEC):	360
		TCCC:	
STATION 2:	XXXXXXXXXX	TCCC ADDRESS:	100
		AOMC:	
STATION 3:	XXXXXXXXXX	PRIMARY PHONE NO:	XXXXXXXXXX
		SECONDARY PHONE NO:	XXXXXXXXXX
MESSAGE FORMAT TYPE:	I	AOMC 1200 BAUD:	NO
PARITY SELECTION:	NONE		EXTERNAL
REPLY REQUEST:	NO		
BUSY ATTEMPT TIME:	1		
SEND REPLY TIME (SECS):	001		
RECV REPLY TIME (MINS):	2		
BACKUP FOR ADAS:	NO		
		PRINT	
			CHANG
		EXIT	BACK

External Communication Screen (Phone Numbers Were Blanked Out For Security)
From the 1-Minute Screen: REVUE-SITE-CONFIG-EXTRN

5.3 Daily Summary Product

The daily summary product screen consists of three pages and is used to generate a DSM and intermediate DSM.

08:13:24 10/28/97 1313Z

STERLING #4

DAILY SUMMARY FOR 10/27/97		
24 HR MAX TEMP (F):	58	LATEST DAY MAX TEMP (0700-1900 LST):58
24 HR MAX TEMP TIME (LST):	1324	LATEST NIGHT MIN TEMP(1900-0800 LST):45
24 HR MIN TEMP (F):	42	
24 HR MIN TEMP TIME (LST):	2358	SKY COVER MID-MID (TENTHS):
24 HR AVG TEMP (F):	50	SKY COVER SR-SS (TENTHS):
DEPART FROM NORMAL:	-1	
		TOTAL SUNSHINE (MINUTES): M
HEATING DEGREE DAYS:	15	TOTAL SUNSHINE (HOURS): M
COOLING DEGREE DAYS:	0	PERCENT POSSIBLE SUNSHINE: M
		CHARACTER OF SUNRISE:
PEAK WIND SPEED (MPH):	31	CHARACTER OF SUNSET:
PEAK WIND DIR (DEG):	330	WEATHER (CODE):
PEAK WIND TIME (LST):	1324	
FASTEST 2MIN SPEED (MPH):	24	
FASTEST 2MIN DIR (DEG):	320	
FASTEST 2MIN TIME (LST):	1414	
AVERAGE WIND SPEED (MPH):	9.2	

DAILY DATA		
PRINT	PAGE	PREV
		DATE
EXIT	BACK	NEXT

Page 1 of the Daily Summary Product Screen
From the 1-Minute Screen Press: REVUE-DAILY

08:13:46 10/28/97 1313Z

STERLING #4

DAILY PRECIPITATION SUMMARY FOR 10/27/97		
24 HR PRECIPITATION (IN):	0.02	
24 HR SNOWFALL (IN):		
SNOW DEPTH (IN):	M	
HOURLY INCREMENTAL PRECIPITATION VALUES (IN):		
0059	0.01	1259 T
0159	0.00	1359 T
0259	0.00	1459 T
0359	0.00	1559 T
0459	0.00	1659 T
0559	0.00	1759 0.00
0659	0.00	1859 0.00
0759	0.00	1959 0.00
0859	0.00	2059 0.00
0959	0.00	2159 0.00
1059	0.00	2259 0.00
1159	0.01	2359 0.00

DAILY DATA		
PRINT	PAGE	PREV
		DATE
EXIT	BACK	NEXT

Page 2 of the Daily Summary Product Screen
From the 1-Minute Screen Press: REVUE-DAILY-PAGE

